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## HAWAII MAY GET CHINESE.

The negotiation begun by the Chinese Minister with Secretary Hay over the Exclusion treaty may lead to important results. There is a growing self-respect in China which takes the form of the proposition that, if the United States will not open its door to the admission of Chinese, China will shut its own door in the face of Americans. That she has a moral and legal right to do so is clear; that she has the strength to take advantage of that right is another matter. But it would surely prove embarrassing to the United States to train its guns on China to obtain privileges which are not reciprocal. Such a process is too Russian to be American. What is more it might make trouble a little further along with whatever power China may find itself in alliance with at the close of the present war.

It is possible that, by way of compromise with China, the United States will agree to coolie immigration to its colonies and to this insular Territory, excluding it by mutual consent from the mainland. This might satisfy the Chinese sense of fair play and it would surely confer a benefit upon the outlying territories and possessions of the United States at no serious cost to American labor. In our own opinion American labor would benefit by the admission of 50,000 Chinese to the mainland, but that is another and a controversial matter. There can be no doubt that in the Philippines, Porto Rico, Hawaii and possibly Alaska the admission of Chinese in reasonable numbers would begin an era of development by which white men would be benefited far more than they now are. The Philippines and Porto Rico need agriculture such as Chinese create; and Hawaii needs cheap labor for the agriculture which already exists.

On these accounts the progress of the treaty-making at Washington will be watched here with profound interest.

The Advertiser hopes that the Republican leaders will lend no aid to the scheme to exclude Mr. Notley, Home Rule nominee for Congress, from the Territorial ballot. There exists a doubt whether Mr. Notley's nomination papers were filed in time, but it is simple fair play to give him the benefit of the doubt and respect the right of the Home Rulers to vote for the candidate of their choice. Sharp practice is no more to be commended in parties than in men; and it would be sharp practice of much too fine an edge, to play the trick on Notley that is now proposed. Apart from the moral consideration is the very practical one that the party which broke up the Home Rule ticket by taking an unfair advantage of it would drive the Notley vote to the candidate on the other side.

Local Japanese regard it as doubtful that Marshal Oyama has been recalled. The Marshal is more or less of a figure-head, being one of three men in the Empire whose rank entitles them to large command and being in the field to preserve the symmetry of the organization more than for strategic and fighting purposes. His chief of staff supplies the tactical genius and his lieutenant generals the prowess. Oyama signs the orders and rounds out the show. If anything culpable happened in the strategy at Liaoyang the punishment would probably fall on Kodama.

There is a fortune in United States gold coin in the safe of the sunken Rio de Janeiro waiting for the man who will bring it to the surface. The fact becomes of local interest because of the rumor that diver Herbert Young is going from here to look for it. The Rio's hull lies somewhere between Baker's beach and the Golden Gate bar and a first-class diver ought to find it.

Senator Nakapahu of Kauai has had three changes of heart politically in one month. He is now a Democrat having been attracted to that party by Jaueka's anatomical freaks, the latter's heart having changed thrice in three weeks. After election both men are due to have another cardiac flop.

A patent medicine company that would stop advertising after one year because it had not yet got its money back, wouldn't deserve sympathy for its losses. How about an advertising tourist resort that gets cold feet after one year's trial?

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## PEACE ON EARTH.

International arbitration is merely the adoption by nations of the rule for settling disputes which was long ago laid down for the adjustment of quarrels between man and man.

Formerly when individuals had a quarrel they fought with fists or weapons and the strongest and most skillful had his way. That was the gage of battle. In course of time society, to protect the weak, instituted courts which took private quarrels into public hands and settled them according to the rules of justice. The new method marked the beginning of civilized society. Logically it should have been extended so as to cover the feuds of nations; and it is the object of those who are holding peace congresses and asking the moral countenance of commercial bodies all over the world to so extend it.

A beginning has been made at the instance of the Czar of Russia, in a peace tribunal at The Hague. Unfortunately before a case can reach that court the parties to an international quarrel must agree to submit it. They have the right to fight instead if they want to and in the war now going on, the Czar preferred that course. Had the same choice of method been left to men engaged in private quarrels there never would have been any courts or any civilized society. It is obvious, therefore, that if international arbitration is going to win, there must be no choice about the submission of any quarrel of the powers to a board of adjudication. Moreover there must be police authority to compel a legal settlement by preventing a resort to violence and halting governments into court.

The process would have been something like this in the case of Russia and Japan. When their differences became a threat to the common peace, the Tribunal would cite the two governments to appear by counsel and file their briefs. In the case of refusal it would be the duty of all other powers, representing the police force of arbitration, to interfere and arrest the disturbers at whatever cost. This would mean the occupation of their countries and the putting down of resistance by superior force, the costs of court to be charged up against both offending nations. Then the court would hear all evidence, give its judgment and rely on the police power to carry out its orders, exactly duplicating the process used in the settlement of a private controversy.

If any four powers, such as Great Britain, the United States, Germany and Japan would agree upon this form of arbitration the rest of the world would have to submit to it and legalized public war would soon go where legalized private war went.

## RUNNING THE BLOCKADE.

Increased vigilance on the part of Admiral Togo's fleet has resulted in the capture of the British steamer Fupin heavily laden with contraband and on her way to Port Arthur. Some days before another such vessel, with a full cargo, was stopped outside of Shanghai. Incidentally many junkies carrying food and ammunition to the besieged fortress from Chefoo have been overhauled by Japanese torpedo boats and sunk. It is but lately that the Japanese have kept such a bright lookout; but they evidently have reason to believe that the prolongation of the siege is measurably due to the inflow of contraband under the stimulus of Stoessel's offer of large cash premiums for supplies.

The reason why blockade-running has been so eagerly attempted at Port Arthur lies in the fact that Admiral Togo has maintained only the form of a naval cordon there. According to George Kennan the Japanese fleet stays in port at the Elliott Islands, something like 50 miles from the Russian fortress, being represented on the siege line only by a guardship and some torpedo boats. At night and in stormy weather the vessels go to sea and it is then the blockade-runners creep in. It looks now as if the Japanese were watching near-by ports carefully and preparing to intercept any suspected vessel that may come out.

Why Admiral Togo did not form the usual semi-circle off the entrance to Port Arthur and maintain a rigid blockade is not clear; but perhaps such methods have gone out now that submarines and floating mines have come in.

The presence of 60 Porto Ricans in Oahu jail makes it a matter of regret that the Examiner did not succeed better in its effort to prevent its "deceived and heart-broken fellow citizens, doomed to slavery in Hawaii," from getting any further west than San Francisco.

Has there ever been an arrest for heedless and furious driving here where the defendant was charged with speeding his horse at half the gait of an automobile which flies through Honolulu streets unchallenged?

Mahelona the che-fa nominee is the strongest straight ticket man in the Fifth. The crooked candidate is

himself the straighter he waits the voting to be.

To have Jimmy Boyd on the Republican stump and not to invite his brother Ed. seems really invidious.

Perhaps the cheapest way to get tourists down here would be to have Cohen offer them a purse.

Marching north seems to be more in Kuropatkin's line than marching south. It's got to be chronic.

The Pacific may now divide its honors. This is also the Paradise of the Pugs.

AREA FOR  
BUILDINGChamber of Commerce  
May Cut Promotion  
Money.

The Chamber of Commerce met yesterday morning and adopted important resolutions. President Tenney was in the chair and over twenty members were present. The matter of a site for the proposed Federal building was laid before the Chamber by the president, who did so at the request of the Federal officials and Governor Carter. Mr. Tenney impressed the necessity of co-operation of the members. Resolutions which had been prepared by the board of directors were submitted. The first idea had been to select several sites and submit them to the Treasury Department, but it was later thought best to outline a section of the city within which it was the desire of the Chamber that the building be located.

E. I. Spaulding moved the adoption of the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That the President and Secretary of this body be requested to communicate with the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury, on the urgent need of Honolulu for a Federal building, suitable to the present and future needs of Federal officers, and petitioning that official to recommend an appropriation for such purpose in his next report to Congress.

"Resolved, Further, That the President and Secretary, in so presenting the matter to the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury, request that should an appropriation be made, such public building be erected on any suitable site within the following boundaries: Commencing at Halekauwila street, up Fort street to Hotel street, along Hotel street to Richards street, down Richards street to King street, along King street to Millani street, down Millani street to Halekauwila street, along Halekauwila street to place of beginning.

And Resolved, Further, that the President and Secretary hand a copy of this resolution to Hawaii's Delegate to Congress, with the request that he do all in his power to procure an appropriation for said purpose.

Some suggestions were made to the effect that the fishmarket block should have been included but it was decided that as the new docks would bring it directly on the waterfront it was impracticable. It was also asked why Nuuanu street was not made the western boundary of the area. It was replied that that was too near Chinatown, that the city was growing in the other direction and that there was not a suitable site to be obtained in that section. The Washington officials have intimated that the proposed building is to be 150x150 with at least forty feet clear around it. It will probably be three stories in height. The resolutions were adopted without a dissenting vote and the recommendation accompanied by a map and photographs of the streets and buildings in the area will be forwarded to Washington.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the President and Secretary communicate with the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury of the United States on the necessity of securing a revenue cutter for service in the Hawaiian Islands, and respectfully request that official to embody in his report to Congress a recommendation for an adequate appropriation for that purpose.

"And Further Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be handed by the President and Secretary to the Delegate from the Territory of Hawaii to Congress, with the request that he use all means in his power to secure such appropriations."

In the afternoon the directors of the Chamber met in a very important session to consider the report of the committee which was appointed to look into the annual report of the Hawaii Promotion Committee. The sub-committee recommended to the directors that the sum furnished the Promotion Committee by the Chamber of Commerce be cut down to what is necessary to maintain the Honolulu office and circulate approved literature. The committee of investigation consisted of H. A. Isenberg and E. I. Spaulding presented the report and on motion of F. M. Swanzy it was laid on the table to be considered at a later meeting.

The report stated that the Promotion Committee had spent \$26,744.95 for advertising the Territory. This went to magazines and for nearly half a million pieces of literature. The local office had been an accommodation for tourists. Only one line had given lower steamer rates. The committee disapproved the inviting of editors to the islands as the guests of the Promotion Committee. The \$15,000 donated by the Chamber comes from a wharfage tax and many of the smaller importers are objecting to the tax in the present state of business. It was recommended that the tax be reduced and the Promotion Committee be required to give a detailed account of its expenditures quarterly. It was thought that the \$3,000 or over that the committee had on hand would be sufficient for the present and it was recommended that the wharfage tax go to the improvement of the city, especially Kapiolani Park. There was considerable discussion pro and con and the matter was laid on the table.

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